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Take A Walk on the Wild Side

Roseburg, Ore. – The Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management invites the public to participate in a Saturday wildflower hike lead by a BLM botanist on April 27th, 2002 and May 11th, 2002.

The first hike to Fern Falls along the North Umpqua Trail will begin at 10 AM at the Tioga Trailhead. The hike is approximately 3 miles round trip and the trail is rated moderately difficult; however the first 1/4 mile is rated as easy. Participants are welcome to come for the first 1/4 mile only. To get to the Tioga Trailhead from Roseburg, travel east on Highway 138 for 22 miles, turn right and drive across the Swiftwater Bridge, turn left into the trailhead parking area.

The second hike to Wolf Creek Falls will take place on Saturday, May 11th. This guided hike will begin at 10 AM at the Wolf Creek Trailhead. The hike is approximately 3 miles round trip, and the trail is rated moderately difficult. To get to Wolf Creek Trailhead from Roseburg, travel to Glide via Highway 138, turn right on Little River Road (County Road 17), and travel 10.7 miles to the trailhead parking and foot-bridge.

"This is a great opportunity for people of all ages to view the breathtaking color and beauty of wild flowers and water falls with the Douglas County area," says Mark Buckbee, Associate District Manager.

It takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour to reach either of the falls and usually 30 minutes to return at your own pace. People interested in attending the hikes should call Laura Allen on 464-3353 by 3 PM the day before the hike. Participants should dress for possible in climate weather, wear sturdy shoes or boots, and bring water. There is no drinking water along the trails. Please leave your pets at home for these hikes (except seeing and hearing guide dogs) as everyone will want to get the best view of the surrounding wildlife.